**Beastly**

I am currently reading Beastly by Alex Flinn. This is a fiction novel about a boy named Adrian (whose name was originally named Kyle Kingsbury) that has been cursed with a spell of looking like a beast. He looks this way because he thinks that looks are everything and if you don’t look good, you are treated differently. Adrian has 2 years to find someone that will love him to break the spell or he’ll stay that way forever.

I think the author’s purpose of writing this book is to change the original version (Beauty and the Beast) into a more realistic version. My purpose of reading this is to compare the two pieces. It is also to practice writing my explore responses and work on adding more ideas with examples and explanations.

A key line that is worth remembering is when Adrian said, “I lover her too much to make her stay” (pg.253). This is worth remembering because Adrian always thought he wouldn’t be able to love someone and have someone love him back because of his looks. Now that he does have someone that loves him, he lets them go. This shows that Adrian is caring towards his loved ones. Main characters of the book are Adrian because he is the protagonist and the boy that turned into a beast. Lindy is a main character because she is the girl that he falls in love with. Magda is another main character because she stays with Adrian the whole time his dad has left him. She also takes care of him and helps him with Lindy. Will is a blind guy that tutors Adrian at his house so that he can still learn things. Lastly Kendra is the witch that cursed Adrian with the spell because she thinks that he needs to learn a lesson about looks and how looks aren’t everything. Places that are worth remembering are Brooklyn, New York because that’s the city Adrian moves to after the spell. Tuttle High Schools is worth remembering because that’s where Adrian and Lindy went to school. Adrian’s house is worth remembering because that’s where Lindy and Will all move in after he turns into a beast. A key word that is worth remembering is break because Adrian has to get someone to fall in love with him so he can *break* the spell. Another key word is spell, because he was cursed with a *spell* to make him look like a beast. Love is a key word because this book is all about falling in love and finding someone that will *love* you for who you are. Prisoner is another key word because Lindy feels like a *prisoner* the first couple months she’s been living with Adrian.

The book is organized in 5 parts with a title on each of the parts. In each part there were about 6-8 chapters inside that are numbered without any titles. What helped me understand the book more easily was the parts with titles. That made it easier because it gave me a short look on what the next part of the book would be about. The book is also told by Adrian’s perspective which helped me because it made the book clear on what he was thinking about everything.

I can relate to this story because some days I care a lot about how I look, just like Adrian cares a lot about how everyone looks. I can relate to the part when Adrian says, “ I love her too much to much to make her stay” because when I watch movies about love one person would leave their significant other because they love them too much. But then if they come back, then they know it was meant to be.

To evaluate the book I wondered which parts of the book were similar to Beauty and the Beast. As I was reading and I got to the part when Adrian takes Lindy away from her father it is the same when Beast took Belle away from her father to be with him. That was my ah-ha moment. Another ah-ha moment was when both Beast and Adrian made the girls a library because they both like to read. Lastly the rose ,which symbolized how long Beast and Adrian have to find a girl to love tem. The thing that was different is that Adrian’s rose had 2 pedals that fell off meaning 2 years to find someone. The Beast’s rose dies meaning that he has no more time to find a girl.